



Mayor Mike Spano

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem Contest

POEM THEME:

Hallowed Grounds: Sites of the Civil Rights Movement

The Civil Rights Movement unfolded across the American landscape, from the bus boycotts in Montgomery to the freedom rides across the South, from the march on Washington to the march from Selma. In your poem, reflect on why it is important to preserve the memory of the Civil Rights Movement's hallowed grounds.

CONTEST RULES:

- Open to all Yonkers students; one entry per student
- All entries must include a cover page with the student's name, grade level, school, home address and contact phone number
- Winning poems will be displayed at City Hall and posted online
- One winner will be chosen from the elementary, middle and high school categories
- Winners will be selected to read their poem at the City's Black History Month Celebration on February 9th
- Submit poem on yonkersny.gov or contest@yonkersny.gov or **MLK, Jr. Poem Contest, City Hall Mayor's Office, 40 South Broadway • Yonkers, NY 10701**

DATES:

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| December 15: | Contest Opens |
| January 12: | Poem submissions due to the Mayor's Office |
| January 25: | Winners are notified |
| February 9: | Winners to read poems at the City of Yonkers Black History Month Celebration City Hall Ceremonial Courtroom (4th Floor) 6:00 - 7:00pm |

